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Admissions consultation

2023-24

In accordance with the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012, admission authorities are required to consult on any proposed changes to their admission arrangements for a minimum of six weeks.

Southwark Council is consulting on changes to the following:

- 1. Proposed community primary school admission arrangements 2023-24**
- 2. Proposed co-ordinated admission schemes 2023-24 for reception, junior, year 7 and year 10**
- 3. Southwark Council's 'relevant area'**

1. Admission arrangements for all community primary schools for the 2023-24 academic year

1.1 Reduction of Reception year places at community primary schools for September 2023 intake

Southwark Council has undertaken a review of its Reception year capacity in response to a five year trend of falling rolls across the borough with an aim to balance/right size the number of places available in line with the current level of demand. A reduction to the Published Admission Number (PAN) of 30 places from 2023 is proposed at four primary community schools.

School	Southwark Place planning Area	Current PAN	Proposed PAN	Reduction
Ilderton*	2	60	30	30
Dog Kennel Hill*	4	60	30	30
Cobourg*	1	60	30	30
Ivydale	3	90	60	30
		270	150	120

* **NB.** An in-year variation to the Schools Adjudicator with a request to reduce the PAN at these schools for 2022 has been made separately.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY FOR EACH SCHOOL

Ilderton Primary School: The school's reception numbers have been in gradual decline from 2011/2, when reception was almost up to PAN, for the last two years, admission to reception have been just one or two children above 30 which requires resourcing to the same level as if all 60 places were full. The trend of falling rolls in this area looks set to continue, reducing the PAN from 60 to 30 from September 2022 at Ilderton primary school and would make a solid and stable 30 place, 1FE, school. There are five Southwark schools within 0.5 miles from the school who could accommodate any excess demand for reception year places in the locality if required.

Dog Kennel Hill Primary (DKH) School. The history of the school's rolls overall has shown a downward trend since 2013/4. At reception, the numbers in the last two years have hovered around the 1FE mark at 30 pupils. A move to 30 places, 1FE at DKH would support the level of intake experienced over recent years and, support becoming a solid and stable, 1FE school. There are four schools in the locality within 0.5 miles, each with reception places available for children/families if required.

Cobourg Primary School: There has been a downward enrolment trend in reception and whole school rolls since 2014. This had been particularly acute at reception where numbers have fallen consistently since 2015, from just under 60 to just under 30. Looking at future demand, it is felt that the school would make a strong 1FE school, rather than a 2FE school that does not fill to capacity; similar to Ilderton and Dog Kennel Hill – there are reception places available at alternative schools within the local area.

Ivydale Primary School: Admission to reception year at Ivydale has fluctuated between 70 and 90 children since 2019, a reduction of the PAN from 90 to 60 has recently been considered. The school recruited up to 90 for the academic year 2021/22, and is likely to do so for 2022/23 - a reduced PAN from 2023/24 onwards will help to right size capacity across the locality and, enable Ivydale to reorganise as a strong 2FE school".

A full list of the proposed PANs at all primary schools in Southwark for the September 2023 intake can be viewed at Document B, the proposed changes are highlighted in yellow.

2. The co-ordinated reception, junior, year 7 and year 10 admission schemes for the 2023-24 academic year

The inclusion of a timetable for managing applications and additional preferences after offer date. The proposed changes are highlighted in yellow within the relevant co-ordinated admission schemes as set out below:

Documents D and E	Reception and Junior	Paragraphs 35, 44 and 45
Documents F and G	Year 7 and Year 10	Paragraphs 36, 45 and 46

3. Southwark Council's 'relevant area'

All local authorities must establish a 'relevant area' for admission policy consultation and review this every two years. It is proposed that Southwark's 'relevant area' remains the same as the administrative area for the Council. This will provide the most efficient and effective way of fulfilling the statutory requirements for co-ordinated planned admissions and school place planning.

Your views and comments

We would welcome any comments and views from the community and other admission authorities including families, governing bodies, headteachers and other colleagues by no later than 12pm on Friday 14 January 2022.

Any comments to these proposals should be sent by completing the response form below and returning it by email to rizwana.natha@southwark.gov.uk

What Happens Next?

We will collate and consider all the responses that we receive to this consultation before finalising our admission arrangements and co-ordinated admission schemes. We will publish Southwark's determined admission arrangements on our [website](#) by 28 February 2022, which will then be implemented for the September 2023 entry.

Consultation on admissions 2023/24: Response form

1. Do you agree with reducing the Published Admission Number (PAN) for the September 2023 intake onwards at the following community primary schools:

- Ilderton Primary School (reduce from 60 to 30 places)
- Dog Kennel Hill Primary School (reduce from 60 to 30 places)
- Cobourg Primary School (reduce from 60 to 30 places)
- Ivydale Primary School (reduce from 90 to 60 places)

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Comments:

NB: There is room for additional comments on the final page

2. Do you agree with the inclusion of the post offer timetable set out in Southwark Council's proposed co-ordinated admission schemes for reception, junior, year 7 and year 10 for the September 2023 intake (Documents D, E, F, and G)?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Comments:

3. Do you agree with Southwark Council's 'relevant area' remaining the same as the administrative area for the council?

Agree

Disagree

Neither

Comments:

Who are you?

Parent/carer

Please state your child's school: _____

Headteacher

School: _____

Chair of Governors

School: _____

School Governor

School: _____

Other

Please give details: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Optional additional comments for Question 1: